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For: SEPARATOR FOR LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY AND LITHIUM ION  
SECONDARY BATTERY AND LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY PROVIDED  
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February 7, 2007

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Responsive to the Official Action of January 22, 2007 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 1-4, 7-9 and 12-13, Group I, directed to a separator. This response is made without traverse.

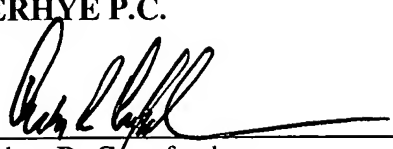
Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents including the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 14, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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